



Arlington Council on Aging

MINUTES

Date: Thursday March 21, 2024 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format.

Present: Board Members: Michael Quinn, Anne Brown, Nancy Cox, Mary Hung, Nancy Feeney, Sherry Graham. Associate Members: Marge Vanderhill, Mara Klein-Collins, Bob Tosi Jr. Citizens: Elaine McNulty, Margaret Iwobi

The Council's primary responsibilities are to design, promote, and implement programs and services to address the needs of the community's elder population, and to coordinate existing services in the community.

1. Call to Order- 6:01 PM Michael Called Meeting to Order. Announced it was Mara's last board meeting as an Associate Member after many years of service as a board member, board chair and most recently associate member- thank you, Mara!
2. Minutes of the March 2024 meeting for approval – Nancy Cox moved to approve, Anne Brown second. Unanimous approval.
3. Citizen's Open Forum – 2 citizens present, no comments.
4. Report: Executive Director
 - I. Programs/Activities Update:
 - a. St. Patrick's Day Concert & Breakfast – 70 attendees, new time and day of week
 - b. AARP tax appointments running smoothly and accommodating more appointments than previous years. All appointment slots full with waiting list in Arlington and neighboring towns
 - c. Starting in April: Bereavement Group with BIDMC, Living Well with Hearing Loss, "Rediscovering the T" presentation, Scam Info Session with APD and Watertown Savings Bank, Bilingual Story: Celebrating Earth Month
 - II. Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief Committee Meeting
 - a. Committee met on March 7 and decisions were made. \$12,533 distributed to 13 applicants, 2 applicants assisted through other sources (20 total applications received).
 - III. Grants

- a. Second half of EOEI Formula Grant received this month (\$77,245, \$154,490 total, based on \$14 per Arlington resident age 60+ in census.)
- IV. Board Member Engagement Opportunities
 - a. New Board Member Recruitment- 1 new board member moving forward in process, 3 additional applications received thus far.
 - b. April 6, 10am-2pm, Health & Wellness Expo
 - c. Support in State budget process for increase of \$15 per resident age 60+ for EOEI Formula Grant in FY25

Mark Your Calendars! Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Thursday April 25 @ 10am

- 5. Report: Chair - no report
- 6. Report: Minuteman Senior Services- Marge reported that Minuteman is advocating for legislation to assist in finding homecare workers, over 1,000 requests per month go unfilled due to lack of staffing. Lobby Day was a success. Second MMSS board member position for Arlington is in final approval process
- 7. Old Business- none
- 8. New Business - none
- 9. Other Community Announcements - none
- 10. Adjourn - Next meeting: April 18, 2024 – Meeting adjourned 6:38 PM. Anne Brown moved, Nancy Cox seconded, unanimous approval to adjourn.